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HIGHLIGHTS

NEW DIRECTOR AT THE INDEPENDENCE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

After over 44 years of dedicated service to public health, Larry Jones retired as the Independence City Health Department Director. Andrew Warlen has been named Director effective January 5. Andrew Warlen's e-mail is awarlen@indepmo.org.

NEW ACTING DIRECTOR AT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The St. Louis County Department of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Faisal Khan as Acting Director effective January 5. Dr. Khan's e-mail address is fkhan@stlouisco.com.

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) SURVEY REGARDING EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

Recently LPHAs should have received an e-mail from Ross Brownson and Mahree Skala asking you to complete a brief survey. You are encouraged to participate in this project. It involves an assessment of chronic disease programs in our state and the findings will create opportunities for future projects and funding for local health departments in Missouri. You will be offered a \$20 gift card for your participation. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Ross Brownson by e-mail at: rbrownson@wustl.edu or by telephone at: 314-935-0114.

BIRTH DEFECTS PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

January is recognized as Missouri Birth Defects Prevention and Awareness Month to remind all women of childbearing age that steps can be taken to promote a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. Since nearly half of all pregnancies are unplanned, it is critical that all women capable of becoming pregnant maintain optimal health preconceptionally, before getting pregnant, and interconceptionally, between pregnancies, to improve birth outcomes and reduce the risk of birth defects. Take a multivitamin with 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid daily to prevent up to 70% of serious birth defects; abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs; monitor medication and prescription drugs; avoid exposure to secondhand smoke and harmful chemicals; have a preconception checkup followed by early and regular prenatal care; and learn your family medical history. Visit <http://health.mo.gov/pregnancyandbeyond> or call the Bureau of Genetics and Healthy Childhood at 800-877-6246.

Satellite Broadcasts and Webcasts

LPHA Job Opportunities

Links to Valuable Resources

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Directory of LPHAs](#)
- [Area Agencies on Aging & Services](#)
- [Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Missouri Institute for Community Health](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Missouri Public Health Association](#)
- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
- [FDA Environmental Health Training](#)
- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

EXCLUSIONS OF PROVIDER SERVICES

The Division of Community and Public Health has been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that effective September 30, 2014, Khaled Rashidul Hassan, M.D., has been excluded from participation in any capacity in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs as defined in section 1128B9(F) of the Social Security Act.

The Division of Community and Public Health has been notified by the Department of Health and Human Services that effective December 31, 2014, Breana Ilyn Dyer, Registered Nurse, has been excluded from participation in any capacity in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs as defined in section 1128B(F) of the Social Security Act.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>.

This week's updates include:

- Mandatory Administrative Update Training – Registration OPEN
- Updated WIC Operations Manual (WOM) Policies – Pending Proof Change
- Participant Fraud/WIC Fraud Warning Flyer
- State WIC Office Closed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lincoln Day, and Washington's Birthday
- Breastfeeding Coordinator Training
- Fundamentals of Breastfeeding – An 18-Hour Course
- Lactation Support Mini-Grant for Businesses
- Nutrition Training Manual – Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
- A Summary Report of the WIC Approved Food List Front Page
- WIC Record Destruction
- Mandatory Nutrition Update Training – Registration CLOSES January 12
- **JOB OPENING:** Full-Time Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist – Cass County

LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY (LPHA) EBOLA WEB PAGE UPDATES

The LPHA Ebola Updates have been posted to the LPHA Ebola web page. You can view the updates at: <https://health.mo.gov/EmergencyInfoForLPHAs/ebola/ebola.php>. This week's updates include:

- Considerations for U.S. Healthcare Facilities to Ensure Adequate Supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Ebola Preparedness (CDC)

For questions, contact Jennifer Harrison by e-mail at Jennifer.Harrison@health.mo.gov, or by telephone at 573-522-2881.

INTERESTED IN A SCHOLARSHIP TO THE NATIONAL NETWORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES (NNPHI) OPEN FORUM? SUBMIT A NEW QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) INITIATIVE TO PUBLIC HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EXCHANGE (PHQIX)!

The [PHQIX](#) is an on-line community designed to be a communication hub for public health professionals interested in learning and sharing information about QI in public health. All individuals who submit QI initiatives by January 15, 2015 will be registered for a chance to win one of three scholarships to the NNPHI Open Forum for QI in public health on March 19-20, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas. You must [register](#) on PHQIX to submit a QI initiative. By submitting your QI initiative on PHQIX, you will receive many [benefits](#), including an American Medical Association (AMA) style citation in [phqix.org](#) that you and others can reference. Your initiative can help inform similar initiatives being conducted by other PHQIX community members and contribute to the evolving science of public health quality improvement. You will also receive excellent feedback from expert panel members. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to submit a QI initiative. E-mail contact@phqix.org if you have any questions or concerns.

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

PART-TIME NUTRITIONIST – Jefferson City

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services - Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance is seeking a part-time Nutritionist. The Nutritionist will provide support for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program, providing training, technical assistance, and conducting on-site monitoring of program contractors. Good communication skills, verbal and written, are essential. Applicants must possess a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 15 earned credit hours in foods and nutrition, including at least one course in diet therapy and one course in community nutrition or nutrition in life cycle; and, two or more years of professional experience as a dietitian or nutritionist. Day travel and some overnight travel are required. Prior experience working with child nutrition programs is helpful, but not required. For additional information, or to schedule an interview, contact the Bureau of Community Food and Nutrition Assistance at 800-733-6251. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and college transcripts to SFSP@health.mo.gov.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

2015 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) PEDIATRIC CONFERENCE – January 22

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Unit, in conjunction with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Emergency Medical Services for Children grant project, is inviting all interested persons to the 2015 EMSC Pediatric Conference, "A Day with Children." Speakers for this conference are from the four best known pediatric specialty care centers from St. Louis, Kansas City, and Columbia and will present their expertise on a variety of topics faced by medical professionals in pediatric emergencies. This conference is scheduled to be held on January 22, 2015 at the Tan-Tar-A Lake Resort in Osage Beach. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run until approximately 5:30 p.m. Lodging is available at a special conference rate and participants may arrive the evening of January 21, 2015 and register early. Registration on January 22, 2015 will begin at 7:00 a.m. Conference brochures with registration information are available on the Bureau of EMS website at health.mo.gov/safety/ems. There is no charge for the conference.

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS) TRAINING FOR INVENTORY MANAGEMENT – February 3

The training will be held at the Kansas City Health Department, 2400 Troost Avenue, Room 3603, Kansas City, MO. It will cover an overview of the SNS program and allow participants hands-on experience using the SNS Missouri Health Strategic Architectures & Information Cooperative (MOHSAIC) ordering system. We will also be giving out two Excel Spreadsheets which will allow you to print Bill of Lading or Transfer of inventory forms so you will have chain of custody paperwork when you move antibiotics or antiviral medications to your Point of Dispensing (PODs) or participating pharmacies. Your staff will receive a spreadsheet template which will allow you to track the distribution of antibiotics, Immunizations, etc. at the POD level. These templates have been created so it is easy to move data from the MOHSAIC system into Excel so you have the ability to manage your assets at the local level without having to be connected to the internet. Objectives for the course are to learn how to set up a virtual warehouse, order supplies, and track items using an Excel spreadsheet. To register for this training, please go to the following URL: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>. The training times are scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NUTRITIONIST/HEALTH EDUCATOR – Bollinger County Health Center

The Bollinger County Health Center WIC program is accepting resumes for a traveling Nutritionist/Health Educator. Position requires frequent travel to other public health agencies in the southeast region. Reliable transportation is required. Applicants must have graduated from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree; have at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition; including diet therapy and community nutrition. The Health Educator position requires working closely with schools and the general public. Please submit a resume by January 20 to Juanita Welker, Administrator, Bollinger County Health Center, P O Box 409, Marble Hill, MO 63764. For more information, call 573-238-2817 or toll-free 866-338-2817. The Bollinger County Health Center is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.

FULL-TIME REGISTERED DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST – Cass County Health Department

The Cass County Health Department is accepting applications for a full-time Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. This position is responsible for providing nutrition and breastfeeding counseling and education to eligible families. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree in dietetics/nutrition at a minimum. WIC experience preferred. WIC works Monday-Thursday 10 hour days. Salary is dependent on experience. To see full description, visit www.casscountyhealth.com. Submit resumes to Tiffany Klassen by e-mail at tiffanyk@casscounty.com, or by mail to: Cass County Health Department, 300 South Main, Harrisonville, 64701.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST – Cass County Health Department

The Cass County Health Department is accepting applications for a full-time Environmental Public Health Specialist. To see full description, visit www.casscountyhealth.com. Submit resumes to Tiffany Klassen by e-mail at tiffanyk@casscounty.com, or by mail to: Cass County Health Department, 300 South Main, Harrisonville, 64701. Position open until filled.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE –Cass County Health Department

The Cass County Health Department is accepting applications for a full-time Public Health Nurse. To see full description, visit www.casscountyhealth.com. Submit resumes to Tiffany Klassen by e-mail at tiffanyk@casscounty.com, or by mail to: Cass County Health Department, 300 South Main, Harrisonville, 64701. Position open until filled.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN - Jefferson County Health Department (JCHD)

The Registered Dietitian (RD) is the food and nutrition expert for the health department. The RD is responsible for a variety of duties, all of which focus on helping members of the community live healthier lives through the use of sound eating and physical activity practices. The employee is responsible for the creation, planning, implementation, and evaluation of JCHD nutrition programs and services. These services are provided in both the Hillsboro and Arnold health department offices, in schools, local businesses, and in other locations as needed throughout the community. Work is performed with considerable independence within established policies with professional guidance and supervision provided by the Health Education Supervisor. Completion of an undergraduate curriculum in Nutrition & Dietetics and completion of internship program accredited or approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; registration or current eligibility for registration as a Registered Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Nutritionist by the Commission on Dietetic Registration is required. Please send resume to: Jefferson County Health Department, PO Box 437, Hillsboro, MO 63050, attention: Human Resources Department or e-mail resumes to jeana.vidacak@jeffcohealth.org. Resumes will be accepted through January 20. Jefferson County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer and will consider applicants without regard to age, color, race, sex, religion, national origin, or disability as prescribed by federal and state laws.

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